## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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May 26, 1983

To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 83-38

TITLE II DISREGARD LAWSUIT (LYNCH V. DAWSON)

Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 83-16

A temporary restraining order in the case of Lynch v. Dawson was issued on April 28, 1983. The issue in this case is whether California has properly implemented the Pickle Amendment to the Social Security Act which provides that certain Title II recipients who are also former SSI recipients are entitled to Medi-Cal benefits as categorically needy persons.

The order required that both DHS and county welfare departments retain any and all records which may be used to identify persons with potential Title II Disregard eligibility. Specifically, the counties and the State must preserve all computer records (including MEDS), SDX microfiches, MC 177s, MC 176Ms and MC 176Ws, BENDEX and RSDI reports, case files and any other documents containing information concerning any person potentially entitled to Medi-Cal benefits under the Pickle Amendment. The potentially eligible persons identified by this order are those currently receiving Title II (OASDI) social security benefits and those who received Title XVI (SSI/SSP) benefits concurrently with Title II benefits at any time after April 1977.

We anticipate that further court proceedings may result in an order to search all such records and identify all potentially eligible persons. Therefore, in addition to preserving the records for this group of people, all cases that fit the above description of potential eligibles should be flagged.

New procedures for determining the eligibility of the Pickle people (formerly Title II Disregard persons) will be developed as soon as possible after the court hearing in mid-June. Until that time, the instructions issued in All County Welfare Directors Letter No. 83-16 should be used.

The attached charts update those in Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual Procedures Section 10I and should be used until further notice.

If you have questions concerning this letter, contact Kristi Banion at (916) 445-1797.

Sincerely,

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| \$735-739      | 684         | 615         | 538         | 490         | 457         | 428  |  |  |  |  |
| \$740-744      | 689         | 620         | 542         | 493         | 460         | 431  |  |  |  |  |
| \$745-749      | 694         | 624         | 546         | 497         | 463         | 434  |  |  |  |  |
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| \$705-709  | 656         | 590         | 516         | 470         | 438  | 410         |
| \$710-714  | 661         | 594         | 520         | 473         | 441  | 413         |
| \$715-719  | 666         | 599         | 524         | 477         | 445  | 416         |
| \$720-724  | 670         | 603         | 527         | 480         | 448  | 419         |
| \$725-729  | 675         | 607         | 531         | 483         | 451  | 422         |